

DETERMINING PLACEMENT AND CREDIT EARNED

This section will assist you in developing a registration plan by taking into consideration placement and any credit you have earned.

Foundations

English Composition and Rhetoric

All UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students must complete the equivalent of English Composition and Rhetoric (ENGL 105/105i). Students cannot use any test scores to place-out of this requirement. Your prior English instruction, as demonstrated by your Standardized Test Scores, determines whether or not you will need to take Basic Writing (ENGL 100) before enrolling in ENGL 105/105i. Use the chart below to determine which course you will need to start with. Keep in mind that ENGL 100 is only offered in the Fall, so please contact Academic Advising if you are unable to register for it in the fall. ENGL 105/105i is offered in Fall and Spring and must be completed in the first year. Note: Transfer credit for ENGL 105 will fulfill this requirement.

English Composition and Rhetoric Placement

SAT I Writing	ACT (English)	AP (Language)	Placement Into
460 and below	19 and below	1 or 2	ENGL 100
470 and above	20 and above	3 and above	ENGL 105/105i

Students may not drop an ENGL 100 or ENGL 105/105i course after the tenth day of classes (September 6, 2016), without permission from an Assistant Dean. Permission is granted only in extraordinary circumstances.

Understanding BE Credit and PL Status

With By-Exam (BE) credit, students are awarded credit for university courses and the credit hours associated with those courses. There is no limit on the number of BE (By Exam Credit) courses that can be used for General Education Requirements or elective credit.

Earning PL status (Placed-Out-Of) simply exempts someone from having to take that particular course rather than awarding them credit for the class. BE credit and PL status courses may be used to satisfy major/minor requirements with the following limitations:

- No more than two courses (6–8 credit hours) of BE credit may be used as part of the core requirements in any major.
- No more than one course (3–4 credit hours) of BE credit may be used as part of a minor.
- Mathematics courses awarded with PL status can be used to satisfy prerequisites for credit bearing courses, but do not satisfy GenEd or major requirements.
- Foreign Language courses awarded PL status can be used to satisfy Foreign Language GenEd requirements even though they do not carry credit hours. (Exception: placement into Latin 204. See page 55.)
- BE credit and PL status does not count toward minimum grade requirements in majors or minors.
- Some majors/minors require a student to complete a specific number of courses and/or credit hours in the field; in these cases PL status courses (which do not carry credit hours) used in the major/minor may necessitate the student taking additional course(s) to meet the course and/or credit-hour requirement.
- Detailed tables of various tests and the scores that earn BE credit and PL status will be provided in the upcoming pages.